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Sen. Dodd Urges End Of Attacks Against CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., urged Monday an end to what he termed "the virtual epidemic of attacks on the Central Intelligence Agency."

In a senate speech difending the government's top level intelligence agency, Dodd said the attacks are unfair and unwarranted. "It is a highly dangerous pastime because the CIA is one of the essential elements of our security," he said.

Dodd, a onetime FBI agent and government attorney, said he is astonished at recent attacks on the CIA by some members of Congress "who are staunch anti-communists."

He said much criticism also has come from pacifists "who would let the Communists take over the world rather than fight against them."

And "muddle-headed moralists . . . who for some strange reason consider it wrong" for this country to move against communist subversion.

Dodd is a member of the Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee. He denied many of the criticisms he said have been made against the super-secret agency and praised it for aiding the overthrow of Communist-aimed regimes in Guatemala and Iran.

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